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COMMISSIONER JONATHAN S. ADELSTEIN RESPONDS TO SENATE RESOLUTION ON MEDIA OWNERSHIP

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Last night, the Senate voted to adopt a resolution of disapproval of the FCC's media ownership rule. In response, Commissioner Adelstein released the following statement:

"The Senate's complete rejection of the FCC's attempt to permit greater media concentration represents a great victory of the people over the powerful. In light of the Senate's action, any proposed transaction seeking to exploit the new rules will likely face intense scrutiny. This vote reflects a strong consensus across the ideological spectrum against further media concentration, from left to right and virtually everybody in between. The FCC veered dangerously off-course from the American mainstream, so our elected representatives are trying to steer us back. This unequivocal, bipartisan rebuke of the FCC is a wake-up call for us to serve the public rather than the media giants we oversee. Chairman Inouye, Senator Dorgan, Vice Chairman Stevens, Senator Snowe and the many other Senate leaders and public interest organizations who pushed this forward deserve our congratulations and the thanks of the American people."